

REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 19, 20, 22 and 23 are now pending in the present application. Claims 19 has been placed in independent form by incorporating the subject matter of claim 1 and claim 16. Claim 20 has been amended to depend upon claim 19. New claims 22 and 23 have been added, which find support in claims 1 and 16. Claims 2-14 have been amended to depend upon claim 22. Claim 15 has been amended to depend upon claim 17. No new matter has been added by the present claim amendments.

Unity of Invention

Claims 1-16, 19, 20, 22 and 23 are pending and are subject to a Unity of Invention restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 for reciting inventions or groups of inventions that are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. (*See*, Office Communication, at page 2). Applicants traverse as hereinafter set forth.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group XXXVII, Claims 19-21. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-15, 22 and 23 should also be included as part of the elected group. Moreover, with respect to the species for examination, Applicants wish to elect wound healing. Each of claims 2-15, 19, 20, 22 and 23 reads on this elected species.

According to MPEP § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner *must* examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. Since the claims placed in each of the Groups depend from claim 1 by searching one group the Examiner is necessarily searching the

other group since the claims are so closely related in subject matter. Therefore, it would not be undue burden to search all of claims 1-16, 19, 20, 22 and 23.

As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoins all of the pending claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Unity of Invention Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Monique T. Cole, Registration No 60,154 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.



Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

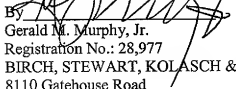


Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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